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The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" Very likely, Sir, if there is such a Government Order."

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI :—" May I inform the hon. the Revenue Member, Sir, . . . ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member may have ample opportunities of giving information. He may put his supplementary question." (Laughter.)

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that the people belonging to the depressed classes of the locality have undertaken to disafforest that reserve long before the Government Order came to be issued ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not think, Sir, the hon. Member can quite mean what he says. (Laughter.) It does not lie in the power of private people to disafforest reserves."

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI :—" They have been allowed, Sir. I do not know if the hon. Member is aware of it. That would have cost Government some thousands of rupees if the Government had undertaken to disafforest it separately, and the depressed classes were allowed to do it, and they did it in the hope of getting the land free of cost. If the hon. Member is not aware of it, I cannot be held responsible for it."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I inform the hon. the Revenue Member that such a thing is allowed in other districts also ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" What is the supplementary question, please ? "

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" I am coming to it, Sir. May I ask the hon. Member whether he is aware that such a thing is done in other districts also, namely, the Forest Department entering into a contract as it were with the would-be assignees and have the forest cleared and thereby getting increased revenue ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" That is not the meaning of the word 'disafforest,' Sir."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" As regards this 'Vavveru reserve,' Sir, I wish to know whether the lands therein are intended to be exclusively assigned to the depressed classes or would a portion at least be given to other caste ryots also ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I want notice."

Land Revenue

Remission of takavi loans in Anantapur, etc.

* 213 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether from the year 1921 onwards any portion of the principal of takavi loans has been remitted in the Anantapur, Bellary and Kurnool districts ; and

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(*b*) if so, what were the actual amounts so remitted in every one of the three districts, and in what years?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No portion of the principal of takavi loan has been remitted in these three districts since 1921. The amounts stated below were written off as irrecoverable:—

Years.	Kurnool.	Bellary.	Anantapur.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
1921-22	..	..	No report.
1922-23	282 10 10	54 9 2	
1923-24	46 0 0	222 8 2	
1924-25	..	..	
1925-26	4 7 4	173 5 8	
1926-27 up to date ..	230 2 9	..	

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether he is aware of the fact that this Council at the instance of my Friend, the hon. Mr. Ranganatha Mudaliyar, passed a resolution recommending the remission of takavi loans in these districts some time in 1922 or 1923? If he was, may I know why no remissions were so given and why from 1924 onwards—I see in the reply given here—the items were written off as irrecoverable, when they had the right to get remission of these items?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"I must ask for notice of the question, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know, then, Sir, if the hon. the Revenue Member is prepared to remit portions of the takavi loans during this year at any rate on account of the famine conditions obtaining in the districts concerned?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"No, Sir, it is not usual to remit takavi loans."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member what the difference is between remitting and writing off loans?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"Remission, Sir, is given when the man can pay and we do not ask him to do so. We write off when we cannot get payment by any means."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Does that mean that in the former case the Government is so charitable as not to ask the man to pay even when he can pay?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"It is not the practice to remit these loans. I am not at present aware of any case where loan has been remitted. I have already explained the difference between remission and writing off." 11-45 a.m.

Mr. P. SIVA RAO:—"May I know whether they propose to remit any proportion of the takavi loans in view of the seasonal conditions now prevailing?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"I said no. They will be postponed. The collection of the instalments will be postponed."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO:—"Am I to understand that there is no provision for remission of the takavi loans under the Standing Orders?"

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The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"Government has power to remit but it is ordinarily not done in the case of a loan. A loan is meant to be granted for productive purposes."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—"Have they considered the possibility of remitting in view of the prevailing seasonal conditions?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"The question has not been considered this particular year."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know if he will be pleased to say that he will consider it now?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"I will consider it if he wishes; but I cannot hold out any hope that it will be done."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"I wish it with the hope that there may be some chance."

Failure of the second crop in Malabar.

*214 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that for want of rains there is partial failure of the second paddy crop in Malabar; and

(b) whether the Government propose to make an inquiry into the extent of the failure?

A.—(a) The Collector reports that the maharam or second paddy crop harvest is in progress, that the outturn on the double crop lands is fair, while that on the single crop lands is poor. The first or main crop harvested above the average.

(b) The Government do not propose to make any special enquiry on the particular matter referred to. Crop particulars are recorded in the village accounts and loss of the second crop on single crop wet lands makes the pattadar eligible for the remission of the charge for the second crop.

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"The Collector says that the maharam or second paddy crop harvest is in progress, that the outturn on the double crop lands is fair, while that on the single crop lands is poor. May I know whether the Collector has made his proposal with reference to the whole district of Malabar or with reference to the particular taluks?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"The whole district."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Has he given information with reference to the taluks separately?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"Not so far as I recollect, Sir."

Irrigation

Proposed irrigation works in the Godavari Eastern division.

*215 Q.—Mr. B. VENKATARATNAM: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Public Works Department intends to construct a lock at the 18th mile on the Bank canal in the Central delta of the Godavari Eastern division;